



PROJECTS THAT ENERGIZE YOUR COMMUNITY

Small Sparks Purpose

The purpose of Small Sparks is to reach out to people who are not yet involved in neighborhood organizations or projects. Small Sparks creates small-scale community projects that benefit the neighborhood and also draw on the personal interests of the organizers.

Small Sparks Challenge

Can you think of a positive step you can take, together with your neighbors, that is fun and also benefits your neighborhood? Make sure it involves new people. For example ... how about sewing a banner for the neighborhood soccer team, marking walking trails, or planting bulbs along a major neighborhood street, just to name a few? Whatever you enjoy doing is a great place to start. Every step counts. In the spirit of keeping things simple and informal, we ask that each proposal be submitted on this single sheet of paper.

Small Sparks Match

If you need money, we'll match in cash whatever you donate, up to \$250 for eligible expenses. Your donations can be money, materials, and/or volunteer labor. For example, say your group wants to paint a mural in your neighborhood. You donate 10 hours of labor (valued at \$12/hr.), and a local business donates \$50 worth of paint. Small Sparks will provide \$170 for additional paint materials and a cleanup party!

Anyone Can Apply

It doesn't matter who you are, what you do, what abilities you have, or how old you are. To be a Small Sparker, you just need to get together with one or more people from your neighborhood or neighborhood organization and plan a Small Sparks project. Complete your project within two months and be willing to attend a community celebration to share your story with other Small Sparkers.

How Projects are Selected

It's as easy as 1-2-3: You just need to 1) attend a Small Sparks workshop or get together with a Small Sparks coach, 2) come up with a project idea, and 3) write your Small Sparks idea on the back of this sheet of paper. Projects are reviewed and selected by neighborhood Small Sparks coaches and the Department of Neighborhoods.

Small Sparks is administered by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and was designed in collaboration with Community Innovations of Bristol, Vermont.

Here's MY Small Sparks Project!

Small Sparks Project Idea: What will you do and where?

Involving New People: What is your plan for identifying and engaging new people in your project? (Think creatively!)

Neighborhood Benefit: How will this benefit your neighborhood? What do you want to accomplish?

Jazzy Name: What name will you give your project that will attract attention to it?

Money: How much money do you estimate you will need to complete this project? What will you use the money for in general terms?

Match: What type of neighborhood match do you think you will contribute? (Describe in general terms what volunteer labor, donated materials, or cash you expect to use.)

A little about you: How involved have you been in your neighborhood prior to this Small Sparks project? Your answer will not be the basis for a funding decision. (Circle one)

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| 4 - Very involved | (I have organized or planned community building activities.) |
| 3 - Moderately involved | (I have volunteered at neighborhood or community activities) |
| 2 - Somewhat involved | (I have attended neighborhood or community gatherings.) |
| 1 - Not really involved | (I am just getting interested.) |

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YES! I can complete this project in eight weeks and will come to the community celebration to share our Small Sparks project story.

Signature_____Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____E-Mail_____

I learned about Small Sparks from: _____